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- 1. MINISTER TARTER (CHIEF OF MFA SECTION FOR RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES) HAS CONFIRMD UPCOMING VISIT TO VIENNA JANUARY 25-27 OR ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU AS REPORTED REFTEL.
- 2. PROJECTED OFFICIAL VISIT DESCRIBED AS ROUTINE AND LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP OF TRIPS TO ROMANIA LAST YEAR OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND AUSTRIAN TRADE MINISTER STARIBACHER AND OF ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER TO AUSTRIA. MOCOVESCU'S SCHEDULED INCLUDES TALKS AT MFA, MEETING WITH KREISKY, CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND PARLIAMENT AND ROUND OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.
- 3. RE BILATERAL MATTERS, AUSTRIAN EXPECT TO DISCUSS STATE OF RELATONS IN CONTEXT OF CSCE AND SUGGEST AREAS IN WHICH ROMANIANS COULD BE HELPFUL, E.G. DIFFICULT CONSULAR CASES, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR BUSINESSMEN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRIANS ARE HOWEVER NOT VERY SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS

FOR IMPROVEMENT, GIVEN NATURE OF ROMANIAN INTERNAL SCENE. AUSTRIANS EXPECT MACOVESCU TO RAISE AGAIN PROPOSALS FOR NUMBER OF JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN ROMANIA, CONCERNING WHICH AUSTRIAN SIDE WILL PROMISE FURTHER SERIOUS STUDY. ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLY NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON OUTLINES OF AGREEMENTS ON LONG-TERM TRADE, DOUBLE TAXATION AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS.

4. ON MULTILATERAL SIDE, AUSTRIANS ANTICIPATE USUAL TOUR D'HORIZON WITH INCLUSION BY ROMANIANS OF THEIR INITIATIVES ON BALKAN CONFERENCE AND NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN BALKANS. AUSTRIAN MFA VIEWS LATTER TWO IDEAS WITH MAJOR SKEPTICISM AND WILL PROBABLY GIVE NON-SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE THAT IT IS MATTER FOR COUNTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. BUCHANAN

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